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If Berlin comes up for discussion in ~~W~~/you should speak along following lines:

1. Firmness and solidarity shown by West seem to have had beneficial effects. Since Khrushchev November 10 speech Soviet Union has taken no specific steps on diplomatic level except Smirnov visit to Adenauer which repeated threats of Khrushchev speech in general terms. There is some possibility Khrushchev denunciation of Potsdam Agreement as basis for withdrawing from Berlin may have turned out to be inept because of effect on Poles who base their claim to Oder-Neisse Line on Potsdam Agreement.

2. While there is no reason to assume Soviets will not follow through on their threats and we must continue develop plans to meet this contingency, we think it inadvisable to give public indications of what we will do in specific hypothetical cases. We prefer emphasizing without any note of

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nervousness the firmness of our intention not to be pushed around.

3. Our present analysis suggests situation regarding Berlin may be different from that envisaged in contingency planning initiated in 1954. Actions may be limited to military traffic leaving German civilian traffic untouched. However, ultimate possibility of complete blockade cannot be excluded.

4. The three occupying powers in Berlin and the Federal Republic are of course in close touch and are keeping the developments under constant observation with a view to being ready to deal with any situation that might arise. NAC will be kept informed.

5. Any suggestions regarding possible courses of action which might contribute to review now under way of course welcome.

6. Department received on Monday from German Embassy German text memorandum summarized POLTO 1412. Legal Adviser's Office studying legal aspects of paper. Political section generally in harmony Departmental views.

FYI. Since final position regarding precise limits to be observed re complex question possible contacts with GDR in relation to GDR recognition question not yet finalized, you should avoid being drawn into specific discussion this question. END FYI.

Prior to meeting you will no doubt wish to acquaint X your British, French, and German colleagues of line you propose to take.

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